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SUBJECT: OKINAWA REVERSION-FINAL SESSION OF SENATE HEARINGS

1. FINAL SESSION OF SFRC HEARINGS HELD MORNING OCTOBER 29 TO HEAR TESTIMONY BY PUBLIC WITNESSES. ONLY MEMBER OF COMMITTEE PRESENT WAS ACTING CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN WHO PUSHED THROUGH TEN PUBLIC WITNESSES IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS ASKING ONLY MINIMUM NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. FOLLOWING PERSONS TESTIFIED:

2. SENATOR TUNNEY STRONGLY SUPPORTED REVERSION AGREEMENT AND ATTACKED ADMINISTRATION FOR RECENT DOWNTURN IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN CAUSED BY DISPUTES OVER TRADE ISSUES AND LACK OF CONSULTATION ON US CHINA INITIATIVES. TUNNEY CALLED FOR "NEW DIPLOMACY" IN ASIA IN WHICH "US SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION AFFECTING SECURITY OF FAR EAST WITHOUT CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH JAPAN", PARTICULARLY ON "MATTERS OF VITAL INTEREST TO JAPAN."

3. ED REAVES, REPRESENTING U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OKINAWA, READ MODERATE LOWKEYED STATEMENT DESCRIBING AICHI LETTER AS "GOOD, AS FAR AS IT WENT", AND AS "DEALING SATISFACTORILY, IN GENERAL WAY, WITH MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS WE FORESEE AFTER REVERSION".

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STATEMENT ALSO EXPRESSED APPREHENSION OVER WHETHER "SPIRIT AND INTENT (OF LETTER) FULLY UNDERSTOOD AT IMPLEMENTATION LEVELS IN GOJ" AND THAT "EVERYTHING WOULD DEPEND ON SUBSEQUENT INTERPRETATION". STATEMENT CONCLUDED THAT CHAMBER "DOES NOT OPPOSE REVERSION AND LOOKS FORWARD TO IT AS CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY".

4. MAJ. GEN. DALE SMITH OPPOSED REVERSION, "AT LEAST FOR YEAR OR TWO", ON GROUNDS REVERSION WOULD ENTAIL LOSS OF FLEXIBLE USE OF BASES WHICH WOULD BE "DRASTICALLY CURTAILED AND RESTRICTED AS IN JAPAN". SMITH ALSO CONTENDED THAT REVERSION WOULD RESULT IN CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR REARMING OF JAPAN.

5. PROFESSOR C. YANG, NEW YORK STATE UNIV. PHYCISIST AND NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, OPPOSED SENKAKU REVERSION AND ATTACKED USG DESIGNATION OF SEKIBI SHO AND KOBİ SHO GUNNERY RANGES AS FACILITY AND AREA UNDER REVERSION AGREEMENT AS CONTRADICTION OF PUBLIC US POSITION OF NEUTRALITY IN SENKAKU DISPUTE. YANG, WHO IS AMERICAN CITIZEN, CLAIMED THAT SENKAKU ISSUE HAS POTENTIAL FOR DRAGGING USG INTO TERRITORIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA AND REQUESTED THAT SENATE IN SOME WAY MAKE EXPLICIT USG'S NEUTRALITY ON ISSUE AND PROHIBIT "US NAVY/JAPAN ALLIANCE TO ESTABLISH DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY OVER SENKAKUS".

6. PROFESSORS S. B. WOO AND THOMAS DUNN, BOTH FROM "DELAWARE TIAO-YU-TAI COMMITTEE", OPPOSED INCLUSION SENKAKUS IN REVERSION AGREEMENT. DUNN (WHO HAS CHINESE ANCESTRY) MADE HISTORIC AND TEARFUL SPEECH ATTACKING "RESURGENCE OF JAPANESE MILITARISM".

7. RAYMOND WILSON OF FRIENDS COMMITTEE AND PROFESSOR MARK SELDEN OF WASHINGTON UNIV. ATTACKED PROVISIONS OF REVERSION AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF US BASE STRUCTURE ON OKINAWA.

8. LAWYER ROBERT MORRIS, TESTIFIED ON BEHALF OF MRS. GRACE HSU, WHO CLAIMS OWNERSHIP TO SENKAKUS ON BASIS OF ALLEGED GRANT FROM THE EMPRESS DOWAGER.

9. PROFESSOR JOHN FINCHER READ PAPER DEALING LARGELY WITH US-JAPAN RELATIONS AND ONLY MINIMALLY WITH OKINAWA REVERSION. IRWIN

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